

HONORING THE LATE BARBARA  
PREE LEWIS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Barbara Pree Lewis, an awesome leader, who left such an amazing legacy and memories behind in Fayette, MS.

Barbara Pree Lewis was born January 26, 1950, to Josie Mae and Lloyd Pree. She peacefully departed this life on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at Rocky Hollow Lake House in Georgetown, Texas.

Barbara received her formal education through the Jefferson County School District in Fayette, Mississippi, where she graduated from Liddell High School in the class of 1968. Thereafter, she attended and graduated from Alcorn State University in 1972. As a lifelong learner, she received a Master's Degree from Alcorn State University and a second Master's Degree from Delta State University. Along with two master's degrees, she continued to enhance her education by receiving a Specialist Degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. As an educator, she served as a middle school English and reading teacher in Ashland, Mississippi and Fayette, Mississippi.

Barbara also served as a high school English teacher, assistant principal, curriculum director, and high school principal all in the Jefferson County School District. In July 2014, she retired from the education profession with 42 years of service.

In 2006, Barbara joined Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, an organization of educated women through their membership selection process.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late, Barbara Pree Lewis, for her passion, dedication and leadership she left behind in the Jefferson County School District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GLENN GROTHMAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 478.

HONORING CAPTAIN JULIAN M.  
PLAMANN

**HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO**

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding service of Captain Julian Plamann.

CPT Julian Plamann currently serves as the House of Representatives Liaison Officer for the National Guard Bureau. She ensures the National Guard's prompt response to the

House's 435 members and staffs by coordinating and conducting policy briefs, preparing senior National Guard leaders for Congressional hearings and engagements, and planning and leading Congressional outreach events on Capitol Hill.

She previously served as the Intelligence Engagement Officer for Task Force Spartan—Jordan where she briefed host nation general officers weekly on the regional intelligence picture, helped develop training plans to strengthen partnership capacity, and coordinated trilateral meetings to enhance intelligence sharing.

CPT Plamann is a proud member of the 34th Infantry Division Red Bulls. She has served at a variety of levels within the Division as Platoon Leader, Tactical Intelligence Officer, and ACE Targeting Officer.

In 2015, CPT Plamann was chosen for the position of Aide de Camp to the Deputy Commanding General of U.S. Army Africa in Vicenza, Italy. In this capacity, she acted as the in-person staff representative for the General, traveled monthly to the continent of Africa to participate in training exercises with partner nations, and arranged routine meetings with Embassy staff, attachés, and Security Co-operation Teams in country.

In 2019, CPT Plamann was selected for the Army Congressional Fellowship. As a Defense Fellow for Congressman ANTHONY BROWN, she delivered clear military perspective on all proposed policies and covered the Department of Defense response to COVID-19. During the pandemic, she identified a policy gap for servicemembers and successfully added an amendment to the FY21 NDAA to ensure all Guard and Reserve members receive a good year toward retirement for the set duration of the presidentially declared emergency.

CPT Plamann graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. She holds a masters degree in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University.

CPT Julian Plamann is a true American who chose to answer the call to serve our country. It is an honor to recognize her incredible service history that is a true depiction of her dedication to the National Guard. I wish her the best as she begins her new role with the National Guard Association of the United States.

HONORING JAMES LEWIS

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated leader, Mr. James Lewis. Mr. Lewis has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

In 2012, Mr. Lewis was a teacher's assistant at the Grove Street Alternative School, just getting his start as an educator and making \$800 a month with no benefits. Thanks to a lot of hard work and a few well-timed breaks, he's now in one of the most prominent jobs in the Vicksburg Warren School District (VWSD).

Lewis, a Vicksburg native, has been hired as the VWSD's next athletics director. The 36-year-old Lewis' career has been quite a rocket

ride. After his humble beginnings at Grove Street, he joined Warren Central's boys' basketball coaching staff as a junior high assistant in 2013. He became the junior high head coach in 2014 and the ninth-grade head coach in 2015.

He led Warren Central's ninth-grade team to a 42-8 record and three consecutive Little Six Conference championships, which opened the door for his first varsity head coaching job. He was hired at Jim Hill High School in Jackson in 2018 and was the MHSAA Region 2-5A Coach of the Year for the 2021-22 season. While at Jim Hill he won Coach of the Year and had a kid make the junior all-star game.

The whole time Lewis was making a name for himself in the coaching world, he was working behind the scenes to eventually transition out of it.

Lewis earned a masters degree in sports administration from Mississippi State before he started teaching. He said it focused mainly on running college, recreational and professional programs and not high school, however, so he went back to school. He earned a specialist degree in educational leadership and administration from Arkansas State University.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. James Lewis for his passion and dedication to achieve new goals.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF WISCONSIN PLASTICS

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of Wisconsin Plastics Inc., a second-generation family business in Ashwaubenon.

Founded in 1972 in Wisconsin, the business came from humble beginnings when Jim Christensen, Sr. purchased a small plating shop. Throughout its 50 years of operation, the business transformed from producing injection-molded plastic components with a handful of employees to a workforce of nearly 270 employees today. Wisconsin Plastics has become known for their renowned customer service with the ability to take the desires of consumers and bring them into production realities. I commend Wisconsin Plastics for their continued growth and success for the past 50 years.

In the half-century since the company's inception, Jim Christensen and the entire Wisconsin Plastics team have been committed to the expansion and future of the business. In order to keep up with industry demands, Wisconsin Plastics will double its current 65,000 square foot manufacturing plant with a 70,000 square foot expansion. The company plans to use this additional space for more injection molding machines and component assembly spaces. With this addition, Wisconsin Plastics will use automated and robotic production systems to enhance their existing operations to best serve their devoted customers. I applaud the company's continued efforts to adapt to industry demands.

Wisconsin Plastics is a company that has taken pride in the importance of innovation. For 20 years, the company has utilized 3D printing machines that have become a core